
Title: A Dark Prophecy

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Inside the Codex of Oblivion is told a prophecy from the ancient deities worshipped by the original Cult of the Skull.

The Codex of Oblivion is a book written in a long forgotten language, from the first worshippers of Oblivion, thus compiling and translating all the ancient manuscripts is a task for thousands of years, all of which, I cannot unfortunately spare.

The Codex has been the object of my study for years, and the reason of my ingress in this Order. It is my personal belief that the Codex holds the secrets of the making of the universe, of the meaning of all power and predicts the arrival of the End, and knowing these secrets would be the source of Ultimate Power.

There have been several translations of the Codex, made by other scholars. This is my own view of the issues accounted within, and it is somehow contradictory to the vision that built the base of the Knowledge and Teaching of the Order of the Ebon Skull.

My research took me to the Beginning of the formation of the Order, and I learned something

about the Arch-Liches and the first members.

The Cult of the Skull was formed when a young man called Nizar, found in the depths of some Ice Caves (what would later become the dungeon Deceit) an old tome written in an unknown language and an Ebon Skull. By touching the skull, he gained insight to the writings of the book and apparently started a cult that gained followers quicker than what I would think as ordinary. Practicing rituals described in the book, his cult brought many diseases and plagues, and gave birth to the Dungeon Deceit, their first Den.

I was lost again. It seemed evident that some Divine influence had been involved in the finding of the book and the expansion of the Order. The killing, the rituals, the disease, they all seemed too coherent and ordered to be practiced by a band of sadists. I have deep knowledge on the ancient and extinct races of Britannia, and the culture that originated the Codex was unique and unmatched.

I found references to names that either have been forgotten or omitted from the present teachings of Oblivion, and fragments of texts that indeed confirmed that some conscious being or beings were behind the Dark Religion, but in what degree they were involved, was still a mystery.

Gholad, Ghurlag, Ghorlon, Grahad. These names were a riddle to me, and they were often mentioned in high standard, and it soon became obvious they were not members of the Cult, but the object of their devotion, the agents of Entropy, and thus, the personality I had been seeking for so long. But how did they get forgotten? The answer is simple. They were not forgotten. I was stricken by the sudden luminance that led me to believe that War, Famine, Pestilence and Death were actually the meaning of these names, and they had become Concepts instead of Deities. So, the puzzle was finally coming together, and the rest was not hard to figure out.

The leader Nizar, became the First Lich-Lord after his death. It is unknown if Lich-Lords that followed him are different entities or the same one, and I frankly have no resources on that. After the coming of Mondain, the Cult has gone through a period in which absolutely no entries have been written into the Codex, and it remained like that until the present time, when Azalin descended into Britannia to restore the Order. The new Cult, the Order of the Ebon Skull adopted the Principles of the Codex, but since it's now written in a dead language, I assume much of the original religion was changed or corrupted, or simply replaced with abstract and vague views.

It is my opinion that
residing behind the
concept of Entropy, and
the great majority of
things the word can
define, from Evil, to
Death, to Corruption,
there is a conscience
being, or more than one,
planning every step of
the journey to Darkness
of several souls and their
own demise.

The horsemen of Oblivion
who were born from
Entropy, would be no
more no less than
Avatars of these entities,
who in the past were
called Deities, and were
adored as such.

My thoughts are, what if
the Order has not
reached yet the full
comprehension of the
power behind them? What
if worshiping these gods
is the key to understand
their true objective?
What if fulfilling their
desire is the key to
ultimate Ascension?

And then I came to an
answer as to what comes
after the End. Ultimate
knowledge? Ascension?
Redemption? Or even who
knows, the power of a
god? The Lich Lord is
the commander of the
Forces of Entropy. He is
its tool and
personification, but in the
theory of Deities, one
question arises. How much
does he know? Perhaps
he is waiting for the
right time to unleash the
power and the knowledge?
To finally tell his children
the truth about Entropy?
Could that moment be
the Birth of Oblivion?

It's told in the Codex, as

a prophecy, that the
arrival of the Avatar of
Oblivion would be a new
Age to the Order. Only
questions remain as of
now. But curiosity asks,
will returning to old
creeds be a step forward
to discover the secrets
of Oblivion?
Time will tell.

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